

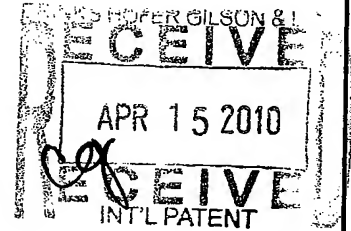
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- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	none	YES
	Claims	1-18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	none	YES
	Claims	1-18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims	none	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-18 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 2005/0108141 A1 to Farrell et al.(hereinafter 'Farrell').

As per claim 1, directed to a stop-loss system that mitigates the effects of a market spike, Farrell discloses a stop-loss system that mitigates the effects of a market spike caused by the triggering and election of a stop order, comprising: evaluation logic that monitors orders received at an automated trading engine in an automated trade matching system, the evaluation logic configured to compare an execution price of the stop order to a predetermined price threshold (para [0029]); stop-loss trigger logic that flags a market for an instrument when the execution price of the stop order lies beyond the predetermined price threshold (para [0031]); a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time); and matching logic that matches orders for the instrument in the flagged market at the predetermined price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold, where the orders for the instrument in the flagged market comprise orders received at the automated trading engine having a price within the predetermined price threshold (para [0031]); a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time; para [0029]. The timing logic measures a time interval used to delay a matching of the orders until the opening price is within a predefined price range or an interval of time lapses.).

As per claim 2, Farrell further discloses that the predetermined price threshold is associated with a no-bust range (para [0047]).

As per claim 3, Farrell further discloses that the predetermined price threshold comprises a variable price threshold that varies with any of a market volatility, time of day, and combinations thereof (para [0041]). The present embodiments may suspend trading until the market is adjusted within a threshold range, or when a period of time lapses. The period of time may vary in length in relation to the time of day, the product traded, market volatility and/or any other relevant market condition or combination of market conditions.).

As per claim 4, Farrell further discloses that the matching logic is further configured to match orders for the instrument in the flagged market at the predetermined price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold, and prioritize the matching of orders based on price, order arrival, or a combination thereof. (para [0031]); a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold; para [0060], one or more matching systems or methods, such as a "first in, first out" ("FIFO"), an allocation, a hybrid price/time priority, such as a Lead Market Maker ("LMM").).

As per claim 5, Farrell further discloses price logic that adjusts the predetermined price threshold when orders received at the automated trading engine for the instrument in the flagged market have a price beyond the predetermined price threshold, a predetermined time interval is exceeded, a predetermined quantity is exceeded, or a combination thereof (para [0041]), the market is adjusted within a threshold range when a period of time lapses.).

As per claim 6, Farrell further discloses that the orders received at the automated trading engine for the instrument in the flagged market that have a price beyond the predetermined price threshold are matched at the adjusted price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold (para [0031]); a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time).

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As per claim 7, directed to a system that mitigates the effects of rises or falls in market prices caused by the execution of a conditional order, Farrell discloses a system that mitigates the effects of rises or falls in market prices caused by the execution of a conditional order, comprising:
an order book manager that receives orders (para [0046], an order book manager; para [0058], orders are received.);
an order processor (para [0046], an order processor) that compares an execution price of the conditional order to a predetermined price threshold (para [0029]); and
a spike control processor (para [0046], spike control processor) that controls the matching of at least one order received by the order book manager when the price of the conditional order lies beyond the predetermined price threshold, orders received by the order book manager within the predetermined price threshold being matched at the predetermined price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold (para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time; para [0029]. The timing logic measures a time interval used to delay a matching of the orders until the opening price is within a predefined price range or an interval of time lapses.).

As per claim 8, Farrell further discloses that the predetermined price threshold is associated with a no-bust range (para [0047]).

As per claim 9, Farrell further discloses that the predetermined price threshold comprises a variable price threshold that varies with any of a market volatility, time of day, and combinations thereof (para [0041]).
The present embodiments may suspend trading until the market is adjusted within a threshold range, or when a period of time lapses. The period of time may vary in length in relation to the time of day, the product traded, market volatility and/or any other relevant market condition or combination of market conditions.).

As per claim 10, Farrell further discloses that the spike control processor is further configured to control the matching of orders such that the orders are matched at the predetermined price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold, and are prioritized based on price, order arrival, or a combination thereof (para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold; para [0060], one or more matching systems or methods, such as a "first in, first out" ("FIFO"), an allocation, a hybrid price/time priority, such as a Lead Market Maker ("LMM").).

As per claim 11, Farrell further discloses that a step price processor that adjusts the predetermined price threshold when orders received at the order book manager have a price beyond the predetermined price threshold, a predetermined time interval is exceeded, a predetermined quantity is exceeded, or a combination thereof (para [0041]), the market is adjusted within a threshold range when a period of time lapses.).

As per claim 12, Farrell further discloses that the orders received at the order book manager that have a price beyond the predetermined price threshold are matched at the adjusted price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold (para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time).

As per claim 13, directed to a method of mitigating the effect of a market spike caused by the triggering and election of a conditional order, Farrell discloses a method of mitigating the effect of a market spike caused by the triggering and election of a conditional order, comprising:
monitoring orders submitted to an automated trading engine in an automated matching system; (para [0029])
comparing the execution price of the conditional order to a predetermined price threshold (para [0029]);
flagging a market for an instrument when the execution price of the stop order lies beyond the predetermined price threshold para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time.);
matching orders for the instrument in the flagged market at the predetermined price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold, where the orders for the instrument in the flagged market comprise orders received at the automated trading engine having a price within the predetermined price threshold (para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time; para [0029]. The timing logic measures a time interval used to delay a matching of the orders until the opening price is within a predefined price range or an interval of time lapses.).

As per claim 14, Farrell further discloses that the predetermined price threshold is associated with a no-bust range (para [0047]).

As per claim 15, Farrell further discloses that the predetermined price threshold comprises a variable price threshold that varies with any of a market volatility, time of day, and combinations thereof (para [0041]).
The present embodiments may suspend trading until the market is adjusted within a threshold range, or when a period of time lapses. The period of time may vary in length in relation to the time of day, the product traded, market volatility and/or any other relevant market condition or combination of market conditions.).

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As per claim 16, Farrell further discloses matching orders further comprises matching orders for the instrument in the flagged market at the predetermined price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold, in a priority order based on price, order arrival, or a combination thereof (para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold; para [0060], one or more matching systems or methods, such as a "first in, first out" ("FIFO"), an allocation, a hybrid price/time priority, such as a Lead Market Maker ("LMM").).

As per claim 17, Farrell further discloses adjusting the predetermined price threshold when orders received at the automated trading engine for the instrument in the flagged market have a price beyond the predetermined price threshold, a predetermined time interval is exceeded, a predetermined quantity is exceeded, or a combination thereof (para [0041], the market is adjusted within a threshold range when a period of time lapses.).

As per claim 18, Farrell further discloses matching orders further comprises matching orders for the instrument in the flagged market at the adjusted price threshold against orders beyond the predetermined price threshold (para [0031], a matching engine checks a stop order book to determine if any new stop orders can be introduced into the market. When a difference between an original price and a currently traded price caused by a stop execution reaches a predefined threshold, the matching engine sends a command to reserve, or temporarily suspend matching, for a predefined period of time)..

Claims 1-18 have industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4) because the subject matter can be made or used in industry.